A Short

forme of Supplication, to be vsed for ceasing the contagious sickness of the plague, to be vsed in Common prayer, on Wednesdays, and Fridayes, and Sermons, and Prayers, to be vsed in the Common prayers, vsed in the time of visitation. Set forth by the Bishop of London, to be vsed in the Citie of London, and the rest of his Diocese, and in other places also as the discretion of the ordinary Shepheards of the Churches.

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which begynneth with these wordes: We humbly beseche thee O father. &c. shall sai as thus prostrate to be sayde of the Quyre, with the fauxbourdon.

LOrde thou art become gracious vnto thy lande, thou hast turned awaye the afflictions of thy seruauntes.

Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure, and turned thy selfe from the wrathfull indignation.

For yf thou Lorde hadst not holpen vs, it had not fayled, but our soules had ben put to silence.

But when we sayde our feete haue slypped, thy mercy, O Lorde, holpe vs vp.

In the multitude of the sorowes that we had in our hartes, thy comfortes haue refreshed our soules.

Our soules trusted stylle vppon the Lorde, our soules hanged vpon his helpe, our hope was alwayes in hym.

In the Lordes worde did we reioyce, in Gods worde did we comfort our selues.

For the Lorde sayde: Call vpon me in the tyme of trouble, and I will heare thee, and thou shalt prayse me.

And when we were poore, nedy, sickly, & in heauynes, the Lord saued vs: he was our helpe and our sauiour accordyng to his wordes.

In our aduersitie and distresse he hath eyed vs our selues, and saued vs from vtter destruction.

He hath deliuered our soules from death, he hath fedde vs in the tyme of hearde, he hath saued vs from the noysome pestilence.

12. Wherefore wyll we offer in his holy Temple, the oblation
Psal. 27. of thanksgeuyng, euen great gyftes: we wyll syng and
speake prayses vnto the Lorde our Sauiour.

13. we wyll geue thankes vnto the Lorde, for he is
Psal. 106. gracious, and his mercy endureth for euer.

14. The Lorde is full of compassion and mercy, long suffe-
Pl. 86, 103 ryng, plenteous in goodnes and trueth.

15. His mercy is greater then the heauens, and his
Pl. 57. 108 gracious goodnes reacheth vnto the clouddes.

16. Lyke as a father pitieth his owne children, euen so is the
Psal. 103. Lorde mercyfull vnto them that feare hym.

17. Therfore wyll we prayse thee and thy mercyes, O
Psal. 71. God, vnto thee wyll we syng, O thou holy one of
Israell.

18. We wyll syng a newe song vnto thee, O God, we wyll
Psal. 98. prayse the Lorde with prayses of thanksgeuyng.

19. O syng prayses, syng prayses vnto our God, O
Psal. 47. syng prayses, syng prayses vnto our kyng.

20. For God is the kyng of the earth, syng prayses with vn-
derstandyng.

21. We wyll magnifie thee O God our kyng, we wyll
Psal. 145 prayse thy name for euer and euer.

22. Euery day wyll we geue thankes vnto thee, and prayse
thy name for euer and euer.

23. Our mouth shall speake the prayses of the Lorde,
and let all flesh geue thankes vnto his holy name
for euer and euer.

24. Blessed be the Lorde God of Israell for euer: and blessed
Psal. 41. be the name of his glorie for euer without ende. Amen,
72. Amen.

After this Psalme, shalbe sayde by the Minister openly and with an high voyce, the Collect following.

(ii) Q

O Heauenly & moste merciful father, what myndi or what tonge can conceiue or geue thee worthye thankes, for thy moste great and infinite benefites, whiche thou hast bestowed, and doest dayly bestowe vpon vs, moste vnworthy of thy so great and continuall goodnes and fauour, though we shoulde bestowe all our lyfe, power, reason, and vnderstanding, thereabouttes only and wholly, when we were yet as clay in the potters handes, to be framed at his pleasure, vesselles of honor or dishonor: of thy onlye goodnes without our deseruyng (for how we coulde we deserue any thyng, before we were any thyng) thou hast created and made vs of nothyng, not double beastes voyde of reason, not vile vermine creppyng vpon the earth: but the noblest and most honorable of all thy mortall creatures, little inferiour to thy heauenly Angelles, indued with vnderstanding, adourned with all excellente giftes, both of body and of myndi, exalted to the dominion ouer all other thy earthlye creatures, yea the Sunne and the Moone with other heauenly lightes, appointed to our seruice, enriched with the possession of all thinges, either necessary for our vse, or delectable for our comforte.

And

And as thou hast made vs so excellente of nothyng, so hast thou restored vs beyng lost, by thy sonne our Sauiour Iesus Christe, dying for vs vpon the crosse, both more marueylously & mercifully then thou dydst first create vs of nothyng, beſydes that thou doest continually forgeue and pardon our synnes, into the whiche we do dayly and hourely fall most daungerously, yea deadlye also, dampnably, and desperately, were not this thy present and moste redye helpe of thy mercye. And what haue we, that we haue not by thee? or what be we, but by thee? All which vnspeakable benefites, thou hast lyke a moste louyng father bestowed vppon vs, that we thereby prouoked, myght lyke louyng chyldren, humbly honor and obedientlye serue thee, our good and most gratious father. But forsomuch as we haue dishonored thee, by, and with the abusyng of thy good gyftes, thou doest euen in this also lyke a father correctyng his chyldren whom he loueth, when they offende, no lesse mercifullye punyshe vs, for the sayde abuse of thy gyftes, then thou dyddest bounteously before geue them vnto vs, scourging vs sometyme with warres and troubles, sometymes with famyne and scarsitie, sometyme with sickines and diseases, and sundrye other kyndes of plagues, for the abusyng of peace, quietnes, plentie, health, and suche other thy good gyftes, agaynst thy holy worde and wyll, and agaynst thy honor and our owne health, to thy great displeasure and hygh indignation: As thou now of late terribly, but most iustly and deseruedly, plaged vs

with

with contagious, dreadful, & deadly sickness, from the which yet thou hast most mercifully, & without all deseruynges on our parte, euen of thyne owne goodnes, nowe agayne delyuered vs, and saued vs. By the which thy most mercifull delyueraunce, and especially in that amonges other thy great and manyfolde benefites, it hath pleased thee of thyne eternall goodnes, most mercifullye and miraculously, not only heretofore to delyuer our moste gracious Quene and gouernour from all perylles and daungers, yea euen from the gates of death: but nowe also to preserue her from this late moste daungerous contagion and infection. Lyke as thou hast exceadyngly comforted our sorowefull hartes: so we for the same do yelde vnto thee, as our bounden dutie is, our moste humble and hartie thankes, O moste mercifull father, by thy deare sonne our Sauiour Jesus Christe, in whose name we praye thee to continue this thy gracious fauour towardes vs, and staye vs in thy grace, defendyng vs agaynste the assaultes of Sathan, that we continuallye enioying thy fauour, with the health of our soules, whiche is the quietnes of our consciences, as a taste here in earth of thy heauenly ioyes, and as a pledge of thy eternall mercie, may alwayes in this lyfe render therefore all laude and honor to thee, and after this transitory and miserable lyfe, may euer lyue and ioye with thee, through the same our only sauiour and mediatour Jesus Christ thy only sonne, who with thee and the holy ghoste, one immortall maiestie

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of the moste glorious God, is to be prayſed and magnified, worlde without ende. Amen.

Pſalmes which may be ſong or ſayde before the begynnyng, or after the endyng of publique prayer.

Pſal. xxxiii.	xcv.	xcvi.	C.	Cii.	Ciii.
Pſal. Cxvi.	Cxviii.	Cxix.	Cxlvi.	Cxlvii.	Cxlviii.

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